

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel claims 6 through 11, 18, 21 through 26, 29 and 31 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Amended six times) A composition free of whole *Eimeria* parasites, which comprises at least one protein or antigenic fragment thereof, wherein said protein:

(a) is present in the hydrophilic phase of a tertoctylphenoxypoly (ethoxyethanol) extract of total *Eimeria* sporozoites; and

(b) has a molecular mass of about 26-30 kDa as determined by SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions.